

# The DX Bulletin

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PROPAGATION: Dec 6-13, High Normal; Dec 14, Above Normal; Dec 15, High Normal; Dec 16, Above Normal; Dec 17, Above/High Normal; Dec 18, High/Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Date	Flux (82)	Alpha (82)	K (82)
180	156	11/24	178	30	6
183	163	11/25	169	38	3
195	182	11/26	173	23	4
190	196	11/27	163	20	2
197	214	11/28	171	23	3
200	226	11/29	166	26	3
220	238	11/30	170	15	2

CHINA: JA1BK came on from BY1PK as predicted Sunday, Nov 28, at 0000Z. He transmitted on 21150 and listened for West Coast stations on 21200; you had to be within range of the northern California repeaters to know where to transmit! A number of W6 stations were worked, as well as many JA stations. We know of no other time over the weekend that BY1PK was active. BY8AA maintains 15 Meter CW pretty much on schedule at 0100Z several times a week, and has been worked on 40 CW also. No reports of any BY8AA QSLs coming through yet.

HEARD ISLAND: in Issue 164, TDXB Recommended interested DXers make donations to the January 1983 operation of the "VK6 DX Chasers Club," via either the IDXF or the NCDXF. We made that decision purely on the assumption that if the Heard operation did not materialize your money would be put to use for some other worthwhile purpose. It is noted that neither foundation has sponsored an operation from a truly "rare" DXCC country in some time. For our effort, TDXB has not received any acknowledgement of our endorsement from either foundation, or from Australia.

The other impending Heard Island expedition, by the Heard Island DX Association (Jim Smith, VK9NS) proceeds apace. Smith is now in Tasmania, overseeing the

preparation of his vessel, the Cheynes II. His list of eighteen operators will be released next week and we will publish that list. Kirsti Smith, VK9NL, now has her license for Heard, VKØNL, and a third license, VKØSJ, has been issued for use only when operating maritime mobile enroute to Heard.

Smith denies accusations by others that his ship is unfit for the trip to Heard; authorities in Australia have granted landing permission based on use of the Cheynes II. Smith has also contracted with those authorities to replace the government weather station on Heard Island. While the Heard Island DX Association can still use additional financial support, Smith is determined now to make the journey regardless. His scheduled departure date remains Jan 1/2.

Heard Island DX Association: PO BOX 90, Norfolk Island, South Pacific 2899.

DXAC Acts on Rotuma Island: the 3D2XN operation the first week of November, from Rotuma Island by DK6XR, will not count as a separate DXCC country, ARRL has informed DK6XR. Their letter states "The proper criteria for islands located adjacent to another island group with common government is Countries List Criteria 2b. This requires 500 miles of open water separation. Rotuma Island, being separated from the Fiji Islands by only 260 miles, does not meet this (sic) criteria. For this reason any QSOs made with Rotuma Island will be credited as Fiji Islands."

W5BE/HR6 in the CQ WW CW Contest was from Barbeta Island, a 5X3 mile private island about 65 miles NE of Honduras. It simply counts as HR but was a nice contest multiplier. And wasn't it GREAT to hear Polish hams back on again? Their first day of operation seemed to be Nov 26.



FROM IDXF-THIS JUST IN

NEPAL: Operation Dec 15-Jan 1 by W6OAT/9N1, W6YOU/9N1, WB4NFO/9N1, and JI1VLV/9N1. This visit is by "royal invitation" to participate in the national celebration of the King's birthday. The group will be signing 9N38 Dec 28,29, and 30. They will be using four each IC-740s, LA-1000 amps, and Hy-Gain TH2 beams. IDXF president John Ackley, KP2A, had planned to make the trip but was waylaid by business commitments. QSLs to WIGAY.

NOTE plenty of choice Bandpass on the low bands this week, thanks to a new subscriber up in the wilds of New Hampshire. We are sure he will write with a story of how he does it...there's really no mystery, though. Run a KW to a vertical or sloping full-size dipoles, and use beverage antennas on the quietest piece of real estate you can manage. Get away from power lines and all other sources of noise.

Out of Europe come rumors of a Mount Athos operation in Dec or Jan, but the source is notoriously unreliable. JT0GM (UV3GM) hasn't said how long his stay in Mongolia (Zone 23) will last. There is still talk of a full-bore JT operation or perhaps a UA0 Zone 23 operation by some Russian club members, in January or February (if they didn't burn themselves out with all the /U6G etc operations). Another rumor from Europe is that some Argentinians will activate S. Orkneys in January.

VEIASJ had to cancel his FP8 operation slated for the CQ WW CW weekend...his company had workers on strike and Andy was pressed into service unexpectedly. LA7Y is at EA8QO for the winter. 5R8AL is back, with a sked on Mondays and Wednesdays, 1800Z on 21330. You can slip a 2X CW contact amongst the slopbucket if you are quick.

YI1BGD is active on 10 and 20 SSB, in the 12-1600Z slot and sometimes with JY3ZH on 14220 at 0630Z. The signal is better on 10 than it is on 20. Your editor slouched up to 14201 in the midst of the CQ WW CW Contest on Nov 28 and snagged Iraq 'barefoot' for country number 303 (after deletions). We were running about 50 watts output on SSB, which only proves anything's possible if you believe in magic!

20 METER BEACONS: (ref Issue 168)...one of the locals reports hearing the 4X4TU/B beacon last week, but quite weak. Expect the additional beacons to be coming on any time between now and the New Year. We are trying to get a photo of one of the transmitters to publish here.

NOTE TN8AJ in Bandpass, who's proving good on his word to concentrate on 40/80 Meters during this visit. He should be there at least a month or so, QSL to Y25LO.

Operation Insomnia slated Dec 17-31 as follows:

Dec 17 Papeete	FO0
Dec 21 Cooks	ZK1XS
Dec 23 Apia	5W1EA
Dec 27 Tonga	A35
Dec 30 Am Samoa	K0CS/KH8

Two claims now staked for next July's IARU Radiosport: FP8 by a W8 group and St Paul by some WIs.

*The Western Washington DX Club, with some 700 members, publishes perhaps the finest club newsletter we've seen...The Totem Tabloid. The following story appeared in their November issue.*

Evil is in the Mind of the DXer

Sometime back, Ivan, UA9 and Chuck, W6 were chatting on the high end of 15. They heard a breaker and stood by:

"Good evening gentlemen. Excuse me for breaking into your QSO. You both have very good signals here. My name is Jin...3AB standing by."

Chuck and Ivan both gave Jin reports and the usual info. Then they asked for his prefix and QTH.

"Sorry, OMs, but I cannot give my QTH or prefix because amateur radio is not permitted in my country. Perhaps you can figure it out for yourselves.

"This is a small Asian country, not very advanced by your standards. Some time ago our government began to follow the ideology of a 'super power' and became very authoritarian. Most of our people are simple peasants and resented the government trying to force us into foreign ways. Eventually our rural areas drifted into armed rebellion.

"Alarmed that we might be slipping from its domination, the super-power invaded. We fought modern ground and air forces with simple hand weapons...and suffered terrible losses. Our ruling clique said it wasn't an invasion at all, merely 'help from our friends to put down the revolt.' But it became obvious what kind of 'friends' they were when they had our president (their friend!) assassinated.

"Perhaps you understand now why I cannot give my QTH. Anyway, thank you for the QSO and I hope someday I can give you my QSL information. 73 and DX."

With knowing smiles, Chuck wrote YA3AB in his log; Ivan wrote XV3AB in his.



BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

A23TM 28530 17E 26	H44SH 3803 11C 26	UA0ZCQ 3510 10E 29	3V8AL 7005 02E 27
A71AD 14215 14E 26	JK1VDX 10125 06E 24	UD6DHC 3503 04E 24	4Z4AB 10106 23E 23
A71BJ 28585 13E 28	JT0GM 7010 12C 20	UF6QAC 21020 15E 25	5B4LY 14023 03E 25
A92CE 7004 03C 24	JT0GM 3788 11C 24	UH8HAJ 14036 03W 20	5H3BH 7003 22C 24
BY8AA 21050 02C 20	JT0GM 7008 13C 26	UI8AFD 14021 03W 20	5H3BH 7006 00E 25
BY8AA 7019 15W 20	J28DL 28595 14C 26	UI8TAA 14033 03C 21	5H3BH 28510 19E 25
BY8AA 21023 02W 23	KG6RT 3511 11E 24	UJ8BQ 14025 03W 20	5H3BH 21294 18E 26
BY1PK 21150 01W 27	WB8QGQ/	UM8MBA 14013 03W 20	5H3BH 21320 21E 26
CE9AT 14297 04E 27	KH7 14217 04E 27	UM8MBU 14053 03C 21	5N9ACO 21292 20E 26
(S. Shetlands)	M1C 28023 15C 25	VK8HA 10101 12W 22	5R8AL 21330 18E 24
CN2AQ 3503 01E 21	OD5LX 3503 21E 19	VK6HD 3503 21E 23	(2X CW)
CN8CY 3504 22E 23	OD5YU 14210 13E 27	VP8ANT 10103 00E 22	5Z4CS 3503 22E 20
CN2AQ 14028 03E 25	OE6RH 10108 07W 26	VQ9WB 28027 13E 24	6W8DS 14219 04C 20
CN8CX 7014 01E 27	OH0W 7001 12E 25	VS6DO 3799 11C 24	6W8CC 21017 20E 25
C31NP 28016 14E 26	OY7ML 10101 12W 21	K7TI/	6W8HL 28604 13E 28
C53DY 28593 18E 27	OY1R 14004 11E 23	VS6 3799 11C 24	7Q7LW 28505 18E 27
EA2IA 10103 22E 23	SV5FD 28593 13E 27	K7TI/	7X2LS 28556 16E 26
EA5YU/	SV0BP/9 28517 14C 25	VS6 3790 12C 26	7X4AN 3501 00E 29
EA8 21037 23E 26	S79WHW 28549 12E 28	VU9TS 7001 13C 26	9H5YT 21032 20C 25
EA9GK 7011 00E 24	TF3CU 28005 16C 21	XT3BB 28001 13E 25	9J2JN 28692 13E 27
EA9IE 29754 13E 24	TL8GE 14210 04C 19	YB5AES 3503 18E 21	9K2KA 14226 13E 26
EP2TY 14213 14C 23	TL8CR 28624 14E 24	YB5AES 3506 22E 24	9K2DX 21026 15E 24
FK8EJ 14035 07E 26	TN8AJ 3506 18E 21	YI1BGD 28502 14E 24	9M2FR 28033 01C 22
FO8FW 28033 01E 27	TN8AJ 3503 02C 22	YI1BGD 14201 16E 28	9N1MM 14214 12E 29
FR7BP 14025 03C 21	TN8AJ 3504 22E 23	ZB2EO 3503 18E 22	9X5KE 21354 19E 23
FR7CL 28021 13E 25	T30AC 14026 06E 24	ZD9YL 21335 20E 23	
FR0GGL 21025 20E 27	T32AF 3509 09C 24	ZD9BX 21335 21E 27	Please mail reports
G2BY 10107 08W 24	T32AL 21040 00E 25	ZK2BGD 14026 07E 26	to reach Vernon by
GD4BEG 7009 09W 24	T32AM 14026 03E 25	Z21GJ 28558 15E 28	Wednesday, or phone
GI3CVH 10104 22E 23	T32AL 28506 18E 26	3B8CF 7003 02C 24	
GM3MXN 10106 08C 24	T32AL 28006 20E 27	3B8DB 14030 03E 24	203-871-7699 24 hours.
HC8RS 28525 00E 27	T32AL 28051 01E 27	3V8AA 21031 16E 24	
HL5BCW 21041 01C 22	UK9AAN 3504 23E 19	3V8AA 28745 14E 25	Winner of best con-
HZ1AB 7004 01E 27	UA9FYG 3505 11E 24	3V8AA 28545 14E 26	tributor for Nov: VP2ML.



Terry Baxter, N6CW/WP2  
October, 1982



NP4CC, KP4BZ, N6CW (seated)  
at VP2VDH, October, 1982



# CALENDAR

# CONTRIBUTORS

Beacons On 14100 NOW; Issue 168, 169  
 Africa F6BBJ still not heard from; I 163  
 Marion Is. ZS2MI rumored to start again in Dec  
 St Kitts VP2KBU by KCØFW Dec 7-13  
 Caymans ZF2GN by N8AVK Dec 3-13

10 MHz Issue 165; avoid 10109-10115  
 Clipperton First of Dec operation by F08s still  
 rumored; I 163, 168  
 Chad TT8 still rumored by TL8GE in Dec  
 Congo TN8AJ on NOW; Issue 169

Iraq YI1BGD active 10/20 SSB; Issue 169  
 Amsterdam Is FB8ZP by F6DWQ coming soon  
 Kerguelen FB8XR by F6GVX also coming soon  
 Campbell ZL4OY QRT; ZL3AFH to leave in Dec,  
 back in January on N. Cooks

Nepal Many visitors Dec 15-Jan 1; Issue 169  
 Rodriguez 3B9DA by 3B8DA maybe end of December  
 Samoa 5W1DW by VK3DET ended Dec 7  
 Am Samoa VK3DET/KH8 Dec 8-15  
 Contest ARRL 10 Meter Dec 11/12

Syria Special callsigns Dec 25/26 and 30/31;  
 Issue 166  
 Heard Is. Two operations Jan 83; Issue 164, 169  
 Africa/Asia K4YT and K4DDA itineraries in Calendar,  
 Issue 167

KA1BU, K2OLG, W1HJP, WINH, KØCVD,  
 KA1XN, VK9NS, AB8K, K3ND, W2HAZ,  
 K6IR, WØBW, W9ZTD, WB6ZUC, KD7H,  
 KA7AJS, K1KTB, K4BAI, W8UVZ, N4WB,  
 WB8ZRL, WD5AAM, KØKES, WINW, W4VQ,  
 K1LPS, W1DQH, W7YF, K2PK, WB2LCH,  
 W1VV, K1EM, N8AVK, VK2BJL, WD8CRY,  
 KØCS, XE1XMT, K3ZJ, IDXF. W5BE,  
 N9MM,

*Due to OVERWHELMING DEMAND,  
 here are more Radio Swifties.*

*"I have a card from Reunion, too,"  
 Tom joined.*

*"But still no GW," Tom wailed.*

*"How do you like my new Yagi?"  
 Tom beamed.*

*"When will we start hearing signals  
 on the band?" Tom opened.*

*"The bands will return as soon as  
 the sunspots die down,"  
 Tom flared.*

*"Three CW signals on the same freq-  
 uency hurt my ears," Tom chimed.*

NOTES from the publisher: if there's a red DOT by your name and address, your subscription expired at the end of November. If you are experiencing delays in receipt of TDXB, please consider paying the extra for First Class Mail (six bucks a year more). We are NOT going to publish an issue the week between Christmas and New Year's.

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